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Fighting crime with Facebook

► First group of 20-30 officers finishes training in using social media for work today, when program will be officially announced ► Goal is to have about 175 officers with online profiles by early November

The Toronto Police Service is kicking its online presence up a notch.

The force's new social media initiative will encourage officers to sign up for Facebook and Twitter pages and train them in their use

for day-to-day work.

"This is going to lead to a lot more trust and a lot more transparency," said Const. Scott Mills, the force's social media officer.

The program features more

changes yet to be revealed and is designed to improve communication between police and the public. It has been in the works since Mills became the social media officer in April 2010. Before

that, he was using social media in the Crime Stoppers division.

"We've prevented some pretty serious incidents simply because people reached out to the few police officers that were using

social media," he said.

This month, the Toronto police website added a page to report lost property, crimes under \$5,000 and traffic complaints.

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Movie. Shoot

► Jessica Biel and Colin Farrell, the stars of the remake of Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Total Recall*, sit in a futuristic car yesterday. Filming for the biggest-budget movie in Toronto's history — a reported \$200 million — continued for a second day, closing down Lakeshore Boulevard between Parliament and Jarvis streets and leaving motorists who were forced to detour visibly irritated.

Norway attacks

Shooter had time to kill

► Oslo police defend tardy response ► Took 90 minutes to reach shooting site {page 8}

Ford denies vulgar salute

Alleged rude gesture a 'misunderstanding,' mayor says {page 3}

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'I clean HIV blood off the walls'

Two City of Toronto employees whose job is to clean cells at police stations gave city councillors an eye-opener on what the job entails.

"I clean HIV blood off the walls, I clean feces off the walls," said Trish O'Brien. "I clean bedbugs. I clean scabies. Are you going to get somebody to do that for \$10.25 an hour?"

O'Brien, 34, and co-work-

Wages

A recent city report said police station cleaners make an average of \$30.32 an hour including benefits, versus \$17.60 for private-sector cleaners.

er Christopher Idrovo, 30, appeared before council's government management committee, which is re-

viewing consultants' suggestions to save money, including contracting out police station cleaning.

Mayor Rob Ford's brother, Coun. Doug Ford, supports contracting-out cleaning jobs to save money. He didn't respond to the cleaners' submissions, but he earlier accused a city union official of scare-mongering on the issue.

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► Christopher Idrovo and Trish O'Brien, members of CUPE Local 79, appear before Toronto city council's government management committee yesterday.

Ford denies flipping the bird

► Accuser calls mayor's response 'very political, non-committal'

Mayor Rob Ford offered cryptic responses yesterday to allegations that he gave the finger to a woman who told him to stop talking on his cellphone while driving.

"There has been a story published that while I was on the phone I made a rude gesture to a fellow driver. This is not accurate and it's unfortunate this misunderstanding occurred," the mayor wrote on his Facebook page.

In an exchange of text messages, Ford's press secretary, Adrienne Batra, told CityNews that the mayor admits to talking on his cellphone while driving, but did not give the other driver the finger.

When asked by a CTV interviewer "what happened with flipping the bird," Ford laughed for 10 seconds and said, "That's funny," before his press secretary cut off the interview.

Ottillie Mason, the

woman who first made the allegation in a Facebook posting, was unimpressed with his Facebook retort.

"That doesn't make any sense at all," she said. "I misunderstand that I gave her the finger?"

She said that, to be perfectly accurate, he hung up the phone, then gave her the finger.

As reported on Monday, Mason's post said she, her six-year-old daughter and her daughter's babysitter were idling next to Ford at the intersection at Dundas and Spadina when she spotted the mayor talking on his cellphone behind the wheel.

She and her daughter gave him a thumbs-down, and she rolled down her window and told him to stop talking on the phone.

He responded by raising his middle finger, Mason said.

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► Mayor Rob Ford drives out of the CP24 parking lot in his van last week.

Outbursts delay Makhniashvili sentencing

The father of a missing young woman told a Toronto court yesterday he was pressured and blackmailed into admitting he stabbed three people in two separate incidents last year.

Vakhtang Makhniashvili, 51, made the accusations from the prisoner's box in a series of outbursts that eventually cut short his sentencing hearing.

He stood up several

times throughout the hearing to contest his guilty pleas and said he was given drugs without his consent while in custody.

The Georgian immigrant also tried to fire his lawyer, though he later changed his mind.

The Makhniashvili family had only been in Toronto for three months when their daughter Mariam, then 17, disappeared in



► Mariam Makhniashvili seen at age seven.

September 2009.

Makhniashvili pleaded guilty in May to three counts of aggravated assault. Court was told at the time he thought the victims were either involved in his daughter's disappearance or behind an unflattering newspaper article.

Makhniashvili is due back in court Thursday to explain how he wants to proceed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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► The MaRS science complex at the corner of University Avenue and College Street will double in size after a multimillion-dollar expansion.

MaRS set to conquer space

► 'Bursting at the seams' research facility to enlarge its downtown location with 20-storey development

There is life on MaRS.

Research and Innovation Minister Glen Murray has announced the MaRS science complex at the corner of University Avenue and College Street will double in size after a \$344.5-million expansion.

"It will make it arguably the largest innovation hub in the world here in Toronto," Murray said yesterday.

Hailing "some very creative leasing and financing arrangements with the pri-

vate sector," the minister said the 20-storey addition will create 4,000 construction jobs and enlarge MaRS to 1.5 million square feet of offices and laboratories.

Infrastructure Ontario, the arm's-length government agency that specializes in private-public partnerships, has loaned MaRS \$230.3 million for the development.

"It will more than double the number of researchers and innovators

and entrepreneurs at MaRS from 2,300 to more than 5,000," said Murray, noting the facility's success at rapidly commercializing scientific breakthroughs.

"Here is really where the future is being invented: Persistent challenges from prostate cancer to turning sewage into energy to ways of cleaning our air and storing energy so green energy is dispatchable," he said.

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GEORGIAN BAY

Toronto swimmer said no to life-jacket before drowning

Provincial police say a Toronto woman who refused a life-jacket drowned in cottage country.

Police say a woman

swimming near an island on Georgian Bay on Sunday night was having difficulty when someone offered her a life-jacket, but she didn't take it.

The woman was found unresponsive in the water a short time later.

Regina Bersenas, 67, was pronounced dead at hospital that evening.

An autopsy determined she drowned.

It's the fifth drowning in the Parry Sound area in less than a month.

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Fatal rollover closes QEW

At least one person is reported to have died in a rollover crash on the QEW at Highway 403 in Burlington yesterday that closed a section of the QEW.

Provincial police said at least five people were injured when a Ford SUV rolled over.

Authorities said a woman had been confirmed dead while the injured people were taken to area hospitals. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Kids from grow-ops growing up healthy

► Sick Kids study finds no health concerns to justify removing custody ► Research shows children were healthier than the average Canadian child

Children living in illegal grow-op homes fare quite well, likely due to the lucrative nature of their parents' business, and shouldn't automatically be removed from care after a bust, says a leading children's health expert at Sick Kids Hospital.

"Basically these are middle-class people who make a lot of money. That is our explanation why the kids are doing well," says Dr. Gideon Koren, a senior scientist at the Hospital for Sick Children and director of its Motherisk program.

He authored a study that looked at 75 children who were removed from "drug-



► Dr. Gideon Koren

producing homes" in York Region between 2006 and 2010 and found that the majority were healthy and drug-free.

The study, published in the July 25 advance online edition of the Journal of Pediatrics, found that children living in such homes may not be exposed to the

alarming health risk widely believed to exist.

The study was conducted at the request of the York Region Children's Aid Society and York Regional Police who were dealing with a surge in grow-op activity in the early 2000s. In such cases, children are routinely removed from their parents' custody and sometimes even placed into foster care.

"What we found is the kids are doing well," Koren said. "There is no question that middle upper-class kids with better income are doing better."

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Forever. Flame



► Maria and Nicola Vattiata, married for 61 years, are all smiles going down the aisle, during a vow renewal ceremony yesterday at the Villa Colombo on Playfair Avenue in Toronto.

VILLA CHARITIES

New vows for old love

Fifteen couples, ranging in age from 79 to 101 years old, took part in a collective wedding vow renewal ceremony, as friends and family looked on.

War crimes suspect arrested

Another suspected war criminal listed on a federal government website has been arrested by police. Manuel De La Torre Herrera was arrested yesterday in the Toronto area.

Herrera is the third suspected war criminal caught since last week, when the federal government launched a website featuring 30 of the most wanted suspects.

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► Manuel De La Torre Herrera

'Atwood should stick to books': Doug Ford



► Coun. Doug Ford

A Toronto councillor is taking aim at author Margaret Atwood, saying she should get elected if she wants a say about the city's libraries.

Doug Ford was responding to an online campaign by Atwood to help save libraries that could be on the

chopping block if city council goes through with proposed cuts.

Atwood has urged her thousands of Twitter followers to sign an online petition supporting the libraries.

The Toronto library workers' union says its

website server crashed following Atwood's plea, and that the petition collected about 25,000 signatures in under two weeks.

The author also used Twitter to poke fun at Ford — the brother of Mayor Rob Ford — who has said there are more libraries than Tim

Hortons in his area.

The councillor says Atwood is not an elected official and that if she walked through his neighbourhood, few people would know who she is.

"I think she's a wonderful author and she should stick to writing books,"

Ford said.

Among Atwood's tart tweets is one that refers to Ford's Tim Hortons remark.

"Twin Ford mayor seems to think those who eat Timbits (like me) don't read, can't count, & are stupid eh?" she tweeted.

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Shooter had time to kill

► Norway mass killing suspect's lawyer says Breivik surprised he made it onto island ► Oslo's police force defending its tardy response to shootings

Ex-stepmom speaks

- Anders Behring Breivik's former stepmother said she had never seen any violent or anti-Muslim behaviour from him, even in recent months.
- Tove Oevermo told The Associated Press that Breivik often talked about a book he had quit working to write — without revealing that it was a 1,500-page anti-immigrant manifesto justifying Friday's attacks.
- Asked how his client sees himself, lawyer Geir Lippestad said: "As a saviour. Some kind of saviour."
- Lippestad said his client, who claims he is part of an organization with several cells in Western countries, appears unaware of the effects of his crime.

When Anders Behring Breivik launched his assault on the youth campers of Utoya Island, he expected Norway's special forces to swoop down and stop him at any minute.

Instead, Delta Force police officers made the 25-mile journey by car — they have no helicopter — then had to be rescued by a civilian craft when their boat broke down as it tried to navigate a one-minute hop to the island.

It took police more than 90 minutes to reach the gunman, who by then had mortally wounded 68 people. Breivik immediately dropped his guns and surrendered, having exceeded his wildest murderous expectations.

International experts said yesterday that Norway's government and security forces must learn

stark lessons from a massacre made worse by a lackadaisical approach to planning for terror.

"Children were being slaughtered for an hour and a half and the police should have stopped it much sooner," said Mads Andenas, a law professor at the University of Oslo whose niece was on the island and survived by hiding in the bushes. One of his students was killed.

Fernando Reinares, former senior anti-terrorism adviser to the Spanish government, said Friday's attacks point to "an astonishing failure in police intelligence."

Breivik preceded his one-man assault on the island with a car bomb in the heart of Oslo's government centre.

Authorities were focused on helping survivors from the blast as the first frantic calls came in from campers hiding from the gunman on Utoya, northwest of Oslo.

Survivors said they struggled to get their panicked pleas heard because operators on emergency lines were rejecting calls not connected to the Oslo bomb. When police finally realized a gunman was shooting teens and 20-somethings attending a youth retreat on the island, Breivik had already been hunting them down for half an hour.

In a final act of bungling, police on Monday revised the island death toll down to 68, after initially miscounting the corpses at 86.

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► Thousands attend a vigil walk yesterday near Utoya Island in Sundvolden, Norway, for the reported 76 people killed in a bomb blast and shooting massacre.

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► Baby Mihag Gedi Farah is given a 50-50 chance of surviving malnutrition. For now, he's alive — unlike many children who die as their families flee Somalia.

At 7 months, he looks almost 70

► Tiny famine victim's skin so fragile ► He weighs
just 7 pounds ► His family fled starvation in Somalia

Seven-month-old Mihag Gedi Farah is the frail face of Somalia's famine.

At a field hospital in neighbouring Kenya, he stares out wide-eyed almost in alarm, his skin pulled taut over his ribs and twig-like arms.

At only 7 pounds, (3.2 kilograms), he weighs as much as a newborn but has the weathered look of an elderly man.

Mihag is just one of 800,000 children who officials warn could die across

"My baby is sick. In my head, I am also sick."

MIHAG'S MOTHER,
ASIAH DAGANE

the Horn of Africa.

Aid workers are rushing to bring help to dangerous and unreachable regions of drought-ravaged Somalia.

Mihag's fragile skin crumples like thin leather under the pressure of his mother's hands, as she touches the hollows where

a baby's chubby cheeks should be.

Sirat Amine, a nurse-nutritionist with the International Rescue Committee, puts Mihag's odds for survival at 50-50. A baby Mihag's age should weigh about three times more.

His mother brought him and four siblings from Kismayo to northern Kenya after all their sheep and cattle died in the drought. They travelled for many miles on foot,

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FOOD AIRLIFT

Refugees succumb on 'roads of death'

The United Nations will airlift emergency rations this week to parts of drought-ravaged Somalia that militants banned it from more than two years ago.

It's a crisis intervention to keep hungry refugees from

dying along what an official calls the "roads of death." Tens of thousands already have trekked to neighbouring Kenya and Ethiopia, hoping to get aid in refugee camps.

Restarting the aid effort is a huge challenge for the World Food Program, whose workers were previously banned from the region by the al-Qaida-linked militant group al-Shabab.

Fourteen WFP employees have been killed in Somalia since 2008.

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Gadhafi needs fuel, food, cash

The area of Libya under Moammar Gadhafi's control is wracked by shortages in fuel, food and cash despite a veneer of normalcy, says a United Nations fact-finding mission.

Rebels control eastern Libya and pockets in the west. Gadhafi clings to the rest, including the capital, Tripoli.

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► Four military men, from left, Daniel Martinez, Carlos Carias, Manuel Pop and Reyes Collin, who are accused of an extra-judiciary execution of at least 250 people in 1982, are seen during their trial on Monday in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Men on trial for massacre

► Four soldiers allegedly killed at least 250 people in village ► Men deny being in Dos Erres that day in 1982

Two former Guatemalan soldiers testified that fellow troops standing trial Monday bludgeoned villagers and threw them down a well in a 1982 massacre of men, women and children.

The two witnesses were testifying on the first day of the trial of three former soldiers and an officer accused in the notorious Dos Erres massacre. The four men are accused of killing 201 of the 250 to die in the slaughter.

The men — three who were members of an elite Guatemalan military force known as "kaibiles" — told the court they were innocent. But witnesses testified that at least two of the four men being charged took part in the killings.

This is Guatemala's second massacre trial related to its 1960-1996 civil war, when more than 200,000 people were killed or went missing and entire villages

were exterminated, according to the United Nations.

The first trial ended in a 2004 verdict against an officer and 13 soldiers, but the verdict was overturned on appeal.

In Dos Erres, dozens of bodies were exhumed from the well in the 1990s and the remains from 171 victims were recovered in all. At least 67 children under the age of 12 were among the dead. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Layton's sick leave shocks Quebecers

► Newspapers, politicians, citizens all offering words of encouragement to NDP leader in his battle against cancer

Quebecers are expressing sadness and shock at the news that Jack Layton is taking a sick leave less than three months after his historic electoral triumph in the province.

In the recent federal election, Quebec voters nearly wiped the Bloc Québécois off the map — and were so keen to support Layton's party that, in some cases, they elected people who had never even seen their riding. A common refrain heard in Quebec after the election was, "I voted for Jack."

But one central Quebec businessman said he still had no regrets yesterday about voting NDP. He said the party is bigger than just one man.

Jean-Guy Otis said people in his riding have already been impressed by their



► Ruth Ellen Brosseau

new MP, Ruth Ellen Brosseau — the one who managed an Ottawa pub and spent part of the election campaign in Las Vegas.

Otis said it's the NDP's philosophy that connects with the people in his mostly rural riding — and he insisted that while Layton is very popular in the area, the party transcends him.

"I don't believe that one

leader, that one person can be the NDP," said Otis, who co-owns a beauty salon on the main strip in the town of Louiseville.

"It's an ensemble of individuals and there are very good individuals who are part of it."

Marc Lemay, the former Bloc MP for Abitibi-Témiscamingue, said his election observers reported that, on May 2, at least three voters left voting centres without casting a ballot.

They apparently refused to vote because they didn't see Layton's name listed among the local candidates. Lemay used those anecdotes to argue that the NDP owed its success to Layton's persona.

"They voted for Jack because Jack is a good guy," Lemay said.

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Democrat in sex scandal

David Wu to leave Congress Six weeks after Anthony Weiner's resignation for sending lewd photos

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David Wu

A seven-term Democratic Party congressman plans to resign amid political fallout over allegations of sexual misconduct with an 18-year-old woman.

David Wu said yesterday that he will resign after Congress resolves the debate over the federal debt ceiling.

In 2004, Wu, 56, won reelection despite acknowledging a decades-old college incident in which he tried to force a girlfriend to have sex. Voters said they disliked a political opponent's attempt to use that against him.

On Friday, Wu's hometown newspaper, The Oregonian, reported that an 18-year-old California woman

had called Wu's office in Portland and reported an unwanted sexual encounter with him last Thanksgiving. It also reported that Wu told senior aides the encounter was consensual.

The newspaper said the woman decided not to press charges because there were no witnesses and it would have been her word against Wu's. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Farmers. Protest



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A South Korean dairy farmer shouts slogans after pouring milk over his head in Seoul yesterday during a rally to demand an increase in milk prices.

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Thousands of dairy farmers gathered near the National Assembly in Seoul to show their opposition to the government's signing of a free-trade agreement with the European Union, the United States and other countries.

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Clock ticks, talks stall

► Obama appeals for compromise on debt ► Republicans won't budge

The political and financial crisis gripping the U.S. appeared yesterday to have deepened after U.S. President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner accused one another in nationally televised speeches of failing to negotiate in good faith to avert an unprecedented and catastrophic American default early next week.

Positions seemed only to harden after Obama and Boehner engaged in an extraordinary joust over fiscal issues that have consumed Washington.

With stalemate in the air, Boehner pushed ahead with his two-step plan, a short-term bill to cut spending about \$1.2 trillion US and extend the debt ceiling for about six months that could come to a vote today. House Repub-

New plan

- The White House has backed the Senate Democratic plan even though it omits Obama's wish of increased tax revenues.
- The plan would raise the debt limit by the \$2.4-trillion US figure the White House wants and carry the country into 2013, beyond the next election.
- It calls for \$2.7 trillion US in federal spending cuts, but assumes \$1 trillion US of that would derive from the end of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

lican leaders scheduled a second vote tomorrow on a balanced-budget constitutional amendment long favoured by rank-and-file conservatives.

In the Senate, Majority



► House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy addresses a news conference yesterday in Washington, D.C., after a meeting at the Republican National Committee offices as House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, centre, and Speaker John Boehner look on.

Leader Harry Reid challenged Republicans to back his competing legislation, arguing that the no-taxes, government-cuts proposal was just what they wanted.

Obama and his Democratic allies have sought a plan that would cut the spiralling U.S. deficit and debt through a package of deep

cuts in government spending while increasing tax revenues through revocation of loopholes and the rate cuts for wealthy Americans instituted under former president George W. Bush. Republicans, under the sway of their tea-party wing, refuse to even consider higher taxes.

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Greek taxi drivers rally

Some 3,000 striking taxi drivers from across Greece held a peaceful protest rally in Athens yesterday against austerity measures that have seen an overhaul of their licensing rules.

The drivers have been on strike for the past 10 days, demanding the government take back plans to scrap protective licensing regulations. They argue that they need time to pay off loans taken to buy taxi licences sold privately under the current regime.

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McD's gets appy and healthy

► U.S. Happy Meal customers can already choose apples instead of fries ► But only about 11 per cent do

McDonald's Corp. is adding apples to all its Happy Meals and launching a nutrition-focused mobile-phone app as part of a broader health push.

The changes underscore how the restaurant industry is reacting to the demands of customers and regulators who blame it for health ills ranging from childhood obesity to diabetes.

Among other changes in McDonald's new program:

- A pledge to reduce sugars, saturated fats and calories through "varied portion sizes, reformulations and innovations" by 2020. By 2015, the fast food chain will reduce sodium by 15 per cent.

- McDonald's will introduce a new mobile app fo-

cused just on nutrition information.

- McDonald's USA president Jan Fields and other executives will go on a "listening tour" in August to hear suggestions from parents and nutrition experts. The chain will also launch a new online forum for parents.

McDonald's says the new directives are "absolutely not" related to impending regulations that will force the industry to curb the marketing of junk food to children and post nutrition information on menus.

Rather, the changes are a response to what customers were asking for, said Cindy Goody, McDonald's senior director of nutrition.

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► A McDonald's Cheeseburger Happy Meal with the new apple-slices option is shown yesterday in Pittsburgh.

Economic woes anger Israelis

Thousands of young protesters have set up sprawling tent camps in Israeli cities, forcing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday to introduce economic reforms to address a

swell of discontent over high housing costs and stave off the worst domestic crisis of his two years in power.

Netanyahu's reforms, meant to bring down steep housing prices, appeared unlikely to end the crisis, which already has forced him to cancel a high-profile visit to Poland and sent his approval ratings plummeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cheaper cell plans hurting Rogers

Rogers Communications Inc. faced tougher cellphone competition from players big and small alike as the country's largest wireless carrier saw its second-quarter profit drop by nine per cent.

"We're selling and competing in an increasingly competitive market," Rob Bruce, president of Rogers' wireless division, said yesterday.

Rogers said it was hit on a number of fronts in the cellphone market after reporting its net income slipped to \$410 million, or 75 cents a share, down from \$452 million or 77 cents a share a year ago.

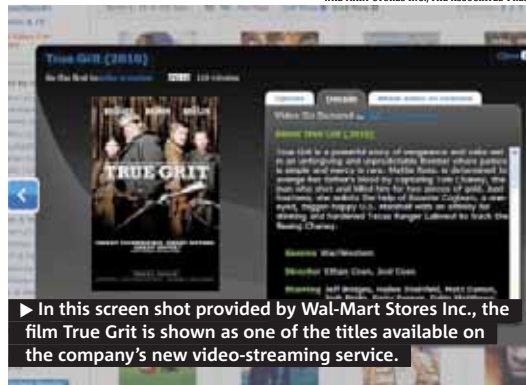
"We delivered the results today against a backdrop of fairly intense competition with our incumbent friends Bell and Telus, particularly in the business space with aggressive pricing and promotions," Bruce told reporters on a conference call.

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Walmart.com now streams flicks

The world's largest retailer yesterday started streaming many movies the same day they come out on DVD, in a second bid for a share of popular movie rental and streaming website Netflix Inc.'s business and just two weeks after Netflix announced new price increases.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. bought video-streaming service Vudu.com 18 months ago and now offers 20,000 titles that can be viewed on almost any



► In this screen shot provided by Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the film True Grit is shown as one of the titles available on the company's new video-streaming service.

device with Internet access, from computers to televisions to Sony's PlayStation3 and other Blu-ray disc players.

Movies are available at Walmart.com to rent for \$1 to \$5.99 or to purchase for \$4.99 and up. Wal-Mart is not offering subscriptions, making its service more similar to Apple Inc.'s iTunes, which charges \$3.99 to rent newly released movies and \$14.99 to buy a movie.

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NOT EVERY DOG HAS A DAY LIKE THIS

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO



Alexander McQueen had it all. The English fashion designer rose from the obligatory humble beginnings in London's East End. He was the son of a taxi driver and a

school drop-out at 16.

By the time he was 40, he was one of the world's leading fashion designers. Kate Middleton's wedding dress, currently the target of pilgrimages to Buckingham Palace where it's on display, is the work of an Alexander McQueen designer.

None of this was able to soothe the beast of depression, and last February, just days after his mother died, Alexander McQueen hanged himself in what the English call a wardrobe ... a closet.

Now comes the task of dividing his 16-million-pound fortune and eyebrows are heightened on both sides of the pond with the news that 50 thousand pounds of it are going to the dogs.

"Three dogs, in fact: Juice, Minter and Callum, the world's luckiest English bull terriers. Fifty thousand pounds will buy a lot of kibble and flea baths, not to mention squeaky toys."

Three dogs, in fact: Juice, Minter and Callum, the world's luckiest English bull terriers.

Fifty thousand pounds will buy a lot of kibble and flea baths, not to mention squeaky toys.

Fifty thousand pounds is the same amount he left his housekeepers — one of whom discovered his body — his godson and each of his nieces and nephews.

To prove that blood is a bit thicker than slobber, he also left 250 thousand to each of his three sisters and two brothers.

But he wasn't done with the dogs — he left 100,000

pounds each to the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and the Blue Cross animal-welfare charity.

Every dog has his day, but it's not every day the dogs inherit the treasure.

The CEO of the Blue Cross charity is "thrilled." Hard to tell what the dogs think, but tails are wagging all around.

We could put this down to Englishmen and their mad dogs, but it's hardly the dogs that are mad. Juice, Minter and Callum would be perfectly happy with three squares, shelter from the storm and a nice curb, but people like to anthropomorphize their pets, smother them in love and luxury and hope they get a nice greeting at the door in return.

I suspect that whatever Juice, Minter and Callum could have given their master it would have been infinitely less complicated and conditional than the web of relationships that defined his social circle. So I'm sure they're full value for their 50K.

Still, if there's anyone out there who feels compelled to follow Alexander McQueen's lead, rest assured that for \$77,000 Canadian I'll take care of your pooches like they wuz kings. The line forms here.

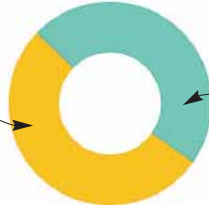
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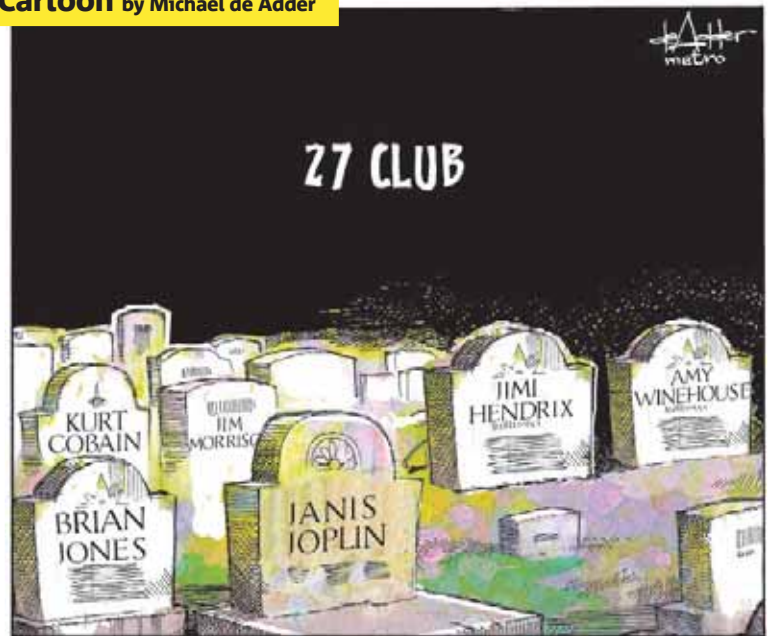
@jaymiekl: Whether he flipped the bird or not, you don't talk on your phone while you drive. Thumbs down, Rob Ford: (via @zygoat)

@michellervin: Great @CTVtoronto clip of Rob Ford's press secretary abruptly ending interview when reporter asks whether or not he flipped the bird

@donaldblair: @onshi my only point is, I have no reason to believe her, as you have no reason to believe Rob Ford.

@jwarrender: @TOMayorFord That gesture is rather difficult to misunderstand. We deserve better explanation and an apology for this lame one. #TOPoli

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WEIRD NEWS

Attack of the kangaroo ends with pepper spray

A 94-year-old woman struck an attacking kangaroo with a broom and managed to crawl to safety in her house in the Australian Outback before police subdued it with pepper spray.

Phyllis Johnson said the kangaroo attacked her while she was hanging her laundry in her yard Sunday in the Queensland state town of Charleville.

"I thought it was going to kill me," Johnson told The Courier Mail from a hospital bed. "It just plowed through

the clothes on the washing line straight for me."

She said the kangaroo knocked her down and kicked her prone body. Johnson said she managed to get to her feet and grab the broom to hit it.

"She fought it off herself with a bit of help from the family dog," her son, Rob Johnson, said, adding the kangaroo had "a bit of a go" at him when he came home, then he called police.

Senior-Sgt. Stephen Perkins said the first officer to reach the backyard was forced to spray the kangaroo to avoid being injured.

Wildlife rangers trapped the kangaroo. It will be examined by a vet before a decision is made about its future, a government official said.

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▶ Ryan Gosling gets put out of his element in his new movie Crazy, Stupid, Love.

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Crow



Some winning bidder will soon be cruising life's winding road in Sheryl Crow's 1959 Mercedes-Benz 190SL Roadster. Crow is auctioning off the classic car next month with the proceeds going to help rebuild the tornado-ravaged city of Joplin.

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With gay marriage legal in New York, actress Heather Matarazzo to wed longtime girlfriend

A man of few words

► Soft-spoken and reserved, Ryan Gosling struggles with living in the spotlight ► Crazy, Stupid, Love star tells Metro how he gets past his fear


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In an interviewing style that references De Niro's tight-lipped one-word answers or Bob Dylan's absurd responses, it's never easy to pin down Ryan Gosling. But while he promoted his latest film, the romantic comedy Crazy, Stupid, Love, the Notebook star was forced to talk about himself and, unfortunately for him, dating.

So much has been said about casting you in a comedic role. Do think you're funny?

Yes. I'm just trying to convince you of that.

That's it? Just yes?

Uhh ... you want more? It's not good enough. I guess I'm not funny. I'll work on it. I don't know how to answer that.

This project shows off your improv skills. Are there any projects you're interested in that would allow you to do more of that?

No. I don't want to improv. They make me because

they get bored. They're like, be funnier. Make something up. Entertain us. Dance, monkey.

Would you host Saturday Night Live?

I'm too scared. It took me a lot to get up the guts to do this.

What was scary about doing Crazy, Stupid, Love?

I'd never done a comedy before so that was scary. I did it because I love Steve Carrell. I think he's the best. When I first moved to Los Angeles, I did a pilot and I was 17. I had a small

part and so did Steve. He was so funny that I would go to the set to watch him work.

Your character in the film, Jacob, is really good at picking up ladies. Can you relate to him at all?

Not really. I don't know if anyone can. He's kind of like Bugs Bunny. I relate more to Steve's character. It was hard to play Jacob.

So then are you shy around women?

I don't know how to answer that. They come up to me and then they're disap-

Photoshopped

In Crazy, Stupid, Love, co-star Emma Stone's character says Ryan Gosling's stomach looks like it's been photoshopped since it's so ripped. Gosling shares with us how he got in shape for the role.

► Quote: "James Cameron invented this program called the 'Abbatar' where I just wear this motion capture suit and I've got muscles. So yeah, that's all. It was really easy."

pointed that I'm not Ryan Reynolds.

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SCENE@METRONEWS.CAWhen we
think of west-
erns usually
images of
cowboy hats,
stagecoaches
and John Wayne come to
mind. I say usually because
while those may be the
most common icons associ-
ated with the genre they're
not the only ones.This weekend, Cowboys
& Aliens adds spaceships,
extraterrestrials and laser
guns to the existing formu-
la. To research the movie's
western half director Jon
Favreau watched classic
movies like Stagecoach and
Destry Rides Again. Then
he spent time with Alien,
Predator, and Close Encoun-
ters of the Third Kind."If you do it right," he
said of the film, "it honours
both, and it becomes inter-
esting and clever and a
reinvention of two things
that people understand."So call it a spacestern or
neo-western if you like, but
it isn't the first movie to
mix and match sci fi with
horse opera.Michael Crichton wrote
and directed Westworld af-
ter a trip to Disneyland.
The Pirates of the
Caribbean ride inspired
him to imagine an amuse-
ment park where vacation-
ers pay \$1,000 a day to
interact with robots pro-
grammed to replicate life
in different periods of his-
tory. When a computer
malfunction sends Yul
Bryner's black hatted cy-
borg gunslinger on an ani-
matronic rampage through
the western theme park
the old west becomes a
place of high tech terror.Sci fi westerns aren't al-
ways set on Earth however.The animated feature
Bravestarr: The Legend sets
the action on the planet of
New Texas, located 1956
light-years from Earth.
Bashing together the best
bits of Star Wars and tradi-
tional oater plots the
movie features cool west-
ern space toys like rocket
scooters with fairings
shaped like horses' heads
and a villain named Tex
Hex.Outland, the 1981 Sean
Connery space thriller isn't
exactly a sci fi western, but
it is based on one of the
most famous cowboy
movies of all time, High
Noon. A critic for the
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Show speaks to geeks

- The Big Bang Theory lovingly pokes fun at nerds, say cast members
- Rating gold: Program was renewed earlier this year for another 3 years

The stars of The Big Bang Theory acknowledge they could well be the outsiders when it comes to the number of people in the world who are nerds.

"There's a lot of closeted nerds out there," says Simon Helberg, who plays the perpetually randy Howard Wolowitz on the hit TV show.

"Personally, I'm not into Star Trek or physics or comic books but I know I might be in the minority."

He says co-stars Kunal Nayyar (Raj), Jim Parsons (Sheldon) and Johnny Galecki (Leonard) aren't nerds either, despite how well they play the socially challenged geniuses.

"I think ultimately everyone has those qualities of feeling a little bit like an outsider or being passion-

Nerd icons?

Nayyar says any suggestion the stars are nerd icons is humbling.

"I would hope that people who were poked fun at for being nerds or geeks in the past can now wear it proudly and I hope Big Bang had some part to play in it," he said.

ate about something," says Helberg.

The Big Bang Theory, which is seen on CTV, is about four young scientists and their attractive — and comparatively normal — neighbour Penny (Kaley Cuoco).

While the show started strongly in 2007, it really caught fire through word of

mouth.

"Nerds will talk," observed Helberg, although both he and Nayyar pointed

out the show isn't out to just ridicule geeks but also to lovingly poke fun at them. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► The Big Bang Theory cast members, Simon Helberg, left, Jim Parsons, centre, and Kunal Nayyar pose in Toronto, October 7, 2010.

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Laying Winehouse to rest

- Autopsy fails to determine cause of singer's death
- Police waiting on toxicology tests, results in 2-4 weeks

Friends and family were saying goodbye to Amy Winehouse yesterday at a private funeral ceremony in London.

Producer Mark Ronson and media personality Kelly Osbourne — her hair piled beehive-high in an echo of the singer's trademark style — were among mourners arriving for the service at Edgwarebury Cemetery in north London.

The service was expected to be followed by cremation and a family gathering at a local synagogue.

The soul diva, who had battled alcohol and drug ad-

"Amy was about one thing and that was love." FATHER MITCH WINEHOUSE



► Winehouse and Blake Fielder-Civil in 2007

diction, was found dead Saturday at her London home. She was 27.

On Monday the singer's father, mother and brother visited the house where she died, thanking mourners who had left flowers.

"Her whole life was devoted to her family and her friends and to you guys as well," father Mitch Winehouse said to fans.

Winehouse released only two albums in her short career — winning five Grammy awards for the second, *Back to Black* — and often made headlines because of drug and alcohol abuse, eating disorders, destructive relationships and abortive performances.

Since her death, her records have re-entered album charts around the world, and tributes have poured in from fans and fellow musicians.

George Michael called her "the most soulful vocalist this country has ever seen," and Adele said she "paved the way for artists like me and made people excited about British music again." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Amy's ex reacts

Despite their messy split in 2009, Blake Fielder-Civil is "devastated and shattered" by the news of ex-wife Amy Winehouse's death, his current girlfriend, Sarah Aspin, tells the Sun.

"I will never ever again feel the love I felt for her," Fielder-Civil reportedly told Aspin. "Everybody who knew me and knew Amy knew the depth of our love. I can't believe she's dead."

Staff at the jail where Fielder-Civil is currently serving out a three-year sentence for burglary and firearm possession have been instructed to keep a closer eye on him. "He just can't take it in that she's dead and he'll never see her again," Aspin says.



► Kelly Osbourne arrives at Golders Green Crematorium for the funeral ceremony of British singer Amy Winehouse, north London, yesterday.

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Hitting the slopes in summer

► Vancouver Island resort courts mountain bikers ► New trail, courses cater to beginners to help them get a piece of the action

For Manus, a 41-year-old mountain-bike rider, it's all about the adrenaline rush when he's tackling the downhill trails of Vancouver Island's Mount Washington.

Time slows, and Manus, who uses no last name, grows focused on the ever-changing landscape.

"Your environment is whipping by you at such hyper speed that you're just reacting to your environment," he said. "The adrenaline rush is out of this world."

Mount Washington hopes visitors, especially novice and beginner mountain bikers, want a piece of that action, too.

After all, whether it's winter or summer, Mount Washington is in the business of selling adrenaline. In a move to improve its summertime bottom line, the resort has added a beginners trail and lessons to its intermediate and expert mountain-bike attractions.

The mountain, which towers over the Comox Valley on the east coast of Vancouver Island, about an hour's drive north of the city of Nanaimo, is not alone. Around B.C., in places like Whistler and Sun Peaks, near Kamloops, ski resorts are selling downhill mountain-bike thrills to tourists.

Brent Curtain, director of public relations for Mount Washington Alpine Resort, said while hundreds of thousands of people visit his resort to ski and snowboard during the winter months, only

If you go

► **How to get there:** Mount Washington overlooks the Comox Valley, on Vancouver Island's east coast. It is accessible by car, bus, air and ferry.

► The bike park is open between 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. daily between July 15 and Sept. 5. The resort also provides rental bikes.

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"thousands" of people patronize it during summer.

So the resort has opened its Green Line mountain-bike run, a 2.2 kilometre novice trail that's serviced by a high-speed chair lift. The trail takes riders down the mountain's western flank.

The Green Line joins a list of 15 other runs, boasting intimidating names like Monster Mile, Back in Black, Helter Skelter and the Evil Eye, and not-so-intimidating names like Quick N Dirty, Big Brother and Time Warp.

Riders can now tackle 37 kilometres of trails.

Instead of adding even more runs to its existing network of trails this year, the resort decided to open the Green Line and upgrade its existing runs, said Curtain.

It's also offering a learn-to-ride week between July 25 and July 29, in addition to events like the B.C. Provincial Cup Championships Aug. 13-14 and the female-only See Jane Jump



► Mountain bikes are transported on a chair lift to the top of Mount Washington.



► Cyclists pose at the top of Mount Washington.

competition, Aug. 20-21.

There's even a food and wine festival Aug. 26-27.

Jeremy Grasby, owner of the Riding Fool, a nearby hostel that's geared toward mountain bikers,

said the beginners trail and lessons are a must for the mountain.

He said while the resort has had a great reputation with intermediate and advanced riders, it has fallen

short with beginners.

"The rider that Mount Washington attracts is seeking adrenaline, as well as pushing the envelopes of their riding abilities."

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life

Cave tours



About 10,000 visitors to Horne Lake Caves Provincial Park take guided underground tours each year — but many others are too nervous to do so. An interpretive centre opening Aug. 9 will allow those nervous visitors to experience the site. British Columbia has more caves than all the other provinces combined — and Vancouver Island, with more than 1,400 known caves, has the highest concentration in B.C.

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- ▶ With record-setting temperatures in the city, the summer heat can wear you down
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Keeping your cool

TEXT BY PAULINE ANDERSON AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

WARD'S ISLAND BEACH

WHY WE LOVE IT: There's just something magical about being on an island beach that's so close yet seems so far away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. The beach offers peace and serenity along with wide-open spaces for you and the kids to play games. Of course, it's fun to take the ferry from downtown Toronto, too.

FIND IT: On Toronto Island (take the No. 6 Bay Street bus south or any of the Harbourfront streetcars leaving from Union station to Queen's Quay; then take the Ward's Island ferry. Tickets for a round trip cost \$4-\$8; children under two are free).

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BEACH AT BLUFFER'S PARK

WHY WE LOVE IT: This beautiful sandy beach provides visitors with a spectacular view of the Scarborough Bluffs. The park includes picnic areas, scenic trails and a volleyball court. Bring your bathing suits, a picnic lunch and binoculars to watch boats on Lake Ontario or the local wildlife. Part of the park provides berths for more than 500 boats.

FIND IT: At the bottom of Brimley Road. Enter by driving south on Brimley Road to the end. Or take the eastbound Kingston Road 12 bus from Victoria Park station. Get off at Kingston Road and Brimley, and walk 10 minutes to the park.

Editor's pick

Great outdoor pools

Alexandra Park Pool: It's refreshing and spacious and located right in the heart of the city. There are lots of shady areas on the large deck. And, like all Toronto outdoor pools, there's no cost to swim and enjoy the pool. Kids welcome! Stash your belongings in the change room coin lockers — and enjoy. 275 Bathurst, near Dundas.

Reader picks:

- Christie Pits on Bloor between Crawford and Christie ("The waterslide," says Alex Potter; "I live right across the street from it," says Jory Goldstein).

- Monarch Park at Greenwood and Danforth ("You keep cool, get a nice tan and meet a lot of nice people," says Amanda Bartley).



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CHERRY BEACH

WHY WE LOVE IT: This beach is newly updated with modern change rooms, washroom facilities and paved paths leading to picnic areas equipped with barbecues. The beach area is spacious with lots of trees, which is ideal for big family picnics. Bring your beach accessories; this spot is perfect for windsurfing and other beach sports. There's also a snack bar and a huge fenced off-leash dog area right next door too.

FIND IT: At the foot of Cherry Street, just south of Unwin Avenue (ride, drive and park free or take #72 Pape bus from Pape subway station to Cherry Beach Loop).

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KEW GARDENS

- ▶ **BEST PICNIC SPOT:** Kew Gardens is a classic lakeside park with lots of picnic tables and shade trees. Enjoy the cool

breeze off the lake while you people-watch (there are oodles of strollers, joggers and roller bladers on the nearby boardwalk). There's also a bandstand, baseball diamond, tennis courts and a fenced-off playground for kids.

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Hanging with the hipsters in Willie B.

► Food, flea markets and retro bowling are attracting visitors to Williamsburg — a hip Brooklyn neighbourhood

The Williamsburg section of Brooklyn has long been known as a working-class neighbourhood with a gritty industrial waterfront and ethnically diverse population ranging from Hispanic to Hasidic.

Today the neighbourhood's demographics include a third group that begins with H, for Hipster, and along with those trendy 20-somethings wearing porkpie hats and Chuck Taylor sneakers have come a slew of unique diversions that are starting to attract tourists.

But the attractions are not merely cute cafes and art galleries.

There are offbeat thrift shops, specialty food stores selling coffee and chocolate, a retro bowling alley with a bar, and restaurants ranging from the famous Peter Luger steakhouse (178 Broadway), established in 1887, to Diner, which serves high-end bistro fare like duck and polenta in a 1927 steel diner (85 Broadway).

Brooklyn Brewery, at 79 N. 11th St., located in a former matzoh factory, gets 1,500 to 2,000 people each weekend sipping suds in the shadow of their towering vats, and the brewery's



► A stall selling an eclectic variety of items at Brooklyn Flea, an outdoor flea market.

tours are also popular (brooklynbrewery.com).

Through Nov. 19-20, two of Williamsburg's biggest draws are being held weekends on a waterfront lot with spectacular views of Manhattan across the way.

On Saturdays, crowds

come out for Smorgasburg, a food festival, and on Sundays, they jam it in for Brooklyn Flea, a flea market that also includes a number of food vendors.

Brooklyn Flea has been around for a few years in other locations but this is its first season in

Williamsburg. Smorgasburg was created just this year. Food vendors sell everything from lobster rolls to frozen bananas, while finds at the flea market range from your very own Statue of Liberty to used bikes (brooklynflea.com/smorgasburg).

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► The Buffalo Exchange buys, sells and trades secondhand clothing with customers.

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"Every weekend that our market exists, it shifts more and more from the 95 per cent local folks we started out with toward what's getting closer to half Brooklynites and the other half a mix of people from other boroughs, regional, national and international tourists," said co-founder Eric Demby.

It's easy to reach Smorgasburg and Brooklyn Flea by subway — just take the L from Manhattan to the Bedford Avenue stop in Brooklyn and walk a few blocks to the East River between North Sixth and North Seventh streets. The waterfront location, Demby says, is beautiful, "as close to Manhattan as you

can get with this incredible view of the skyline, seabreezes and parks on either side of the market."

Josh Evans, 21, likes the two events so much that he can't stay away. "One weekend, I went to Smorgasburg on Saturday and then went back to Brooklyn Flea on Sunday," said Evans, who's living in Williamsburg for the summer while juggling several food-related internships.

Even before moving to the area, Evans had been visiting on weekends from New Haven, Conn., where he attends Yale University. He's been blogging about his food finds at hearthstrung.wordpress.com.

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► A bicyclist on the Williamsburg Bridge, which connects the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn with the Lower East Side section of Manhattan in New York.

Williamsburg

► **Like the locals:** Other spots in Williamsburg beloved by locals and visitors alike include vintage clothing shops like Buffalo Express, part of a chain that buys, sells and trades clothing with customers, at 504 Driggs Ave., and Beacon's Closet, 88 N. 11th St., whose devotees rave how the clothes are organized

► **Strike out:** A great place to hang out after dinner is The Gutter, 200 N. 14th St., an old-school bowling alley and bar located in what was once a manufacturing warehouse for comforters. The lanes were brought in from a defunct 1970s-era alley, and the bar is lit up by cool old signs for retro brands like Schlitz, but the

draft beer includes trendy selections like Chelsea Checker Cab Blonde and Smuttynose Robust Porter. At \$6 a game, the bowling is affordable by New York standards.

► **Where to stay:** Willie B, as locals sometimes half-jokingly call the area, even has its own boutique lodging, Hotel Le Jolie at 235 Meeker Ave.

Smorgasburg include Latin American vendors offering grilled corn on the cob and stuffed tortillas called pupusas, but he also likes the neighbourhood's brick-and-mortar establishments, from Blue Bottle Coffee (160 Berry St.) to Maison Premiere, an oyster bar (298 Bedford Ave.).

And 20-somethings aren't the only ones who feel that way. Howard Ko-

gan, 66, comes in from Hoboken, N.J., to enjoy the Williamsburg scene. He's a fan of Blue Bottle Coffee too, along with the barbecue at Fette Sau, 354 Metropolitan Ave., and Mast Brothers Chocolate, 105 N. Third St.

"What they do there is phenomenal," Kogan said of Mast Brothers Chocolate. "On weekends, there are tours where you can

watch them do their thing, and they'll have little plates out you can taste."

The tours show various stages of the chocolate-making process, "from bean to bar," as co-owner Rick Mast put it. The tours are \$10, Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.; reservations can be made at mastbrotherschocolate.com.

Kogan, who often visits the area with his son and



► Visitors sampling beer at the Brooklyn Brewery, located in a 150-year-old factory in Williamsburg.



► Relaxing on the waterfront where the Smorgasburg food fair takes place.

daughter-in-law, says the neighbourhood "makes a nice day trip. It's an adventure. It has unique things that are interesting."

He's even walked across the Williamsburg Bridge, which connects Brooklyn to Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Rates vary by date but start at around \$189 (hotellejolie.com).

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► A stall selling clothing at Brooklyn Flea, an outdoor flea market.

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► Seals on a giant ice island measuring 50 square kilometres.

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"For this time of year, I've never seen so many icebergs — and so big," said Paul Alcock of Northland Discovery Boat Tours in St. Anthony, Nfld.

"It's a pretty spectacular sight out here right now," he said of at least 25

icebergs still looming within 16 kilometres of the town. "For this time of year, you wouldn't expect to see much more than three or four."

The rare extravaganza is thanks to a nearby ice is-

land that was part of a 260-square-kilometre chunk that split from Greenland's Petermann Glacier last August. That original piece has since broken into smaller bits.

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It could've been a standoff. Two whose native tongue is Spanish and two who only know a few words — but the ball was the equalizer. Over the next hour the boys' wild laughter and calls to "pass" in both languages rang out across Plaza San Martin. People stopped to watch, parents introduced themselves and kids who would never meet again sealed momentary friendships — all with that well-worn ball in the middle.



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After arriving at the

quaint, historic Gananoque Inn on the banks of the St. Lawrence, I was immediately struck by the fact that there really is a heck of a lot of islands here. In fact, there is far more than the promised 1,000. Actually, a total of 1,793 separate islands make up the archipelago that straddles the Canada/U.S. border.

Speed-boating across the international water border, I was amazed at the endless number of private little islands, some barely large enough to hold a house.

The fishing out here is phenomenal too — that is, until I happened to snag a large ornery northern pike. Half an hour after landing this monster, it suddenly proceeded to chow down on my poor index finger, which threw a



► The Thousand Islands

bit of a monkey wrench into my day on the water.

However, I was soon distracted from my traumatic fish experience by all the other fun things happening here. Back on the mainland in Gananoque, I wiled away a morning cycling by all the gorgeous heritage-style houses in the area.

Another scenic area is the Gananoque Trail hike, which brings you through

forest and along the river front. But to really get a good look at this area, you have to head to Hill Island near the U.S. border. Here you can ride to the top of the Thousand Islands tower sky deck and get a breathtaking view of the river and all those islands.

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► These dips for dunking your favourite fruit can be made in unique citrus, chocolate or orchard spice flavours

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In constructing a healthful dip for fruit, the main problem lies in the base of the dip. You want something that doesn't pile on the fat or sugar, but still is interesting enough that you want to dunk apples and strawberries in it.

We wanted to create a creamy base that could be

easily flavoured. For obvious reasons, the full-fat versions of cream cheese and sour cream were out. Greek-style yogurt has a great mouth feel and creaminess, but some people find it overwhelmingly tart. So we opted to use low-fat cream cheese blended with non-fat Greek yogurt. The result is creamy and luscious and is a perfect base for flavourings. As a bonus, it's also a great way to get calcium.

Preparation:

- 1** In the bowl of a food processor, combine yogurt and cream cheese. Process until completely smooth. Divide mixture among 3 bowls.
- 2** Chocolate dipper: In a small bowl, mix together cocoa powder, honey, cinnamon and milk until completely smooth. Add to one of the bowls of yogurt mixture and stir until smooth.
- 3** Citrus dipper: Stir both zests, honey and orange juice into one of the remaining bowls of yogurt mixture.
- 4** Orchard spice dipper: Stir vanilla, butter rum extract, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves and honey into the last bowl of yogurt and cream cheese.
- 5** Serve dips with cut-up wedges of apples, pears, peaches and berries.

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- 1 l (4 cups) ice
- 1 l (4 cups) watermelon chunks
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) lemon juice
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Pinch salt

In a blender, combine ingredients and purée until smooth. You may need to stop blender and stir ingredients once to ensure everything blends evenly. Serve.

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Shopping List:

Base

- 500 ml (2 cups) non-fat plain Greek-style yogurt
- 250 ml (8 oz) low-fat cream cheese

Chocolate

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) unsweetened cocoa powder
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- Pinch cinnamon
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fat-free milk

Citrus

- Zest of 1/2 lemon
- Zest of 1/2 orange
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) orange juice

Orchard Spice

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vanilla extract
- 5 ml (1 tsp) butter rum extract
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
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What I learned

Key take-away from Adam's experience:

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years. (Along with the scholarship money, TD scholars are offered full-time summer employment with the company in between school years.)

Although I deeply appreciated the scholarship money, it was the offer of employment that proved most valuable.

Providing scholarship money to high school graduates for their post-secondary education is something companies have been doing for a long time. It's a nice way to give back to the community and amp up a corporate image.

Although any funding is



▶ Adam Stacey

appreciated by students, organizations are missing out if they aren't using their scholarship program as a means of recruitment.

Employers should realize that scholarship programs are an awesome way to give back to the community and build a pool of great potential employees.

My advice to students (high school, undergraduate or graduate!), is that you would be crazy not to apply for scholarships. There is so much untapped money out there.

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Where Adam is now

I just finished my second year at the University of New Brunswick on the TD Canada Trust Scholarship. Next year I am transferring to Acadia University to finish my Honours in Psychology. I work as a teller for TD during my summers and I'm thinking about law school for the future.

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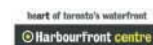
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A year out from the 2012 Olympic Games in London, Canada's summer athletes feel inspired by what their winter counterparts did at the 2010 Games in Vancouver and Whistler, B.C.

Wrestler Carol Huynh, who won gold in Beijing in 2008, followed the exploits of several winter athletes she knows personally.

"There were so many Canadian athletes who were successful there," Huynh says. "It was just an overall general great feeling for everybody."

"I was there for quite a bit of the Games. Just getting that feel, that energy in the air in Vancouver, that was just amazing. It kind of brought me back to what I experienced in Beijing."

The 2012 Olympics open July 27 and close Aug. 12.

Canada finished third in overall medals with 25 in Vancouver and Whistler, but set a Winter Games record with 14 gold.

The Summer Games goal of Own The Podium and the Canadian Olympic Committee isn't to win the overall medal count, which was the objective in 2010.

A more modest top-12 finish among the 200-odd participating countries in London is considered a realistic target for Canada.

"The reality is, certainly at the Summer Games, we won't 'own the podium,'" says OTP chief executive officer Alex Baumann. "We won't be No. 1 ... but we want to move up the ladder."

Canada was 19th at the 2004 Summer Games in Athens and finished tied for 14th in Beijing four years later.

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► In London, Canada should have multiple medal threats in track and field, rowing, canoe/kayak, cycling, women's boxing and women's wrestling



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► Olympic Stadium and the aquatics centre in London yesterday. The 2012 Olympics open July 27 and close Aug. 12.

One year to go

Going for gold

Here's a few Canadian athletes to keep an eye on this time next year in London.



Paula Findlay
TRIATHLETE

Currently ranked No. 1 in the world.



Adam van Koeverden
PADDLER

Won silver in 2008.



Karen Cockburn
TRAMPOLINIST

Flag-bearer for 2008 closing ceremonies.



Priscilla Lopes-Schliep
HURDLER

Seven months pregnant.



Alex Despatie
DIVER

Won three golds at last Commonwealth Games.

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Jays lose Bautista and then the game

► Slugger hit in the head by a 91-m.p.h. fastball

The Toronto Blue Jays lost star Jose Bautista to injury and then fell apart in an ugly 12-4 loss to the Baltimore Orioles last night.

Bautista was smacked in the head by a 91-m.p.h. fastball from Orioles starter Jake Arrieta in the third inning and immediately fell to the turf.

Blue Jays manager John Farrell and a pair of trainers ran out to home plate and examined Bautista for several minutes, while the third baseman stayed on his knees before walking off the field and out of the game.

The team said Bautista, who leads the majors with 31 home runs and entered the game batting .330 with 70 RBIs, was re-



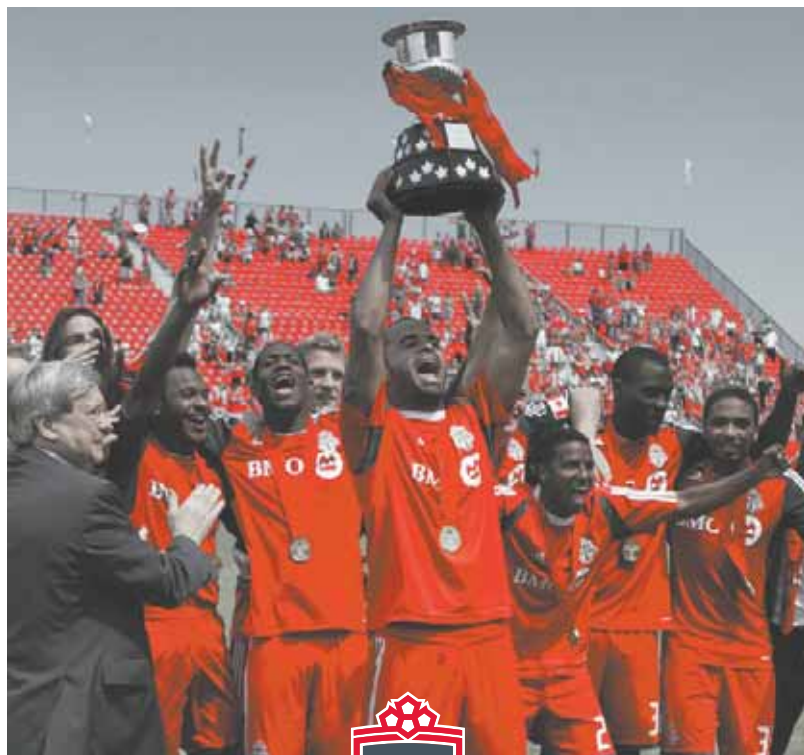
► Jose Bautista is looked at by a trainer.

moved for precautionary reasons and is day to day.

Toronto starter Brandon Morrow (7-5) lasted just 3½ innings, allowing seven runs on nine hits

including a pair of homers from Orioles shortstop J.J. Hardy and a solo shot by left-fielder Nolan Reimold.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	62	38	.620	—
New York	60	40	.600	2
Tampa Bay	53	48	.525	9½
Toronto	51	51	.500	12
Baltimore	40	58	.408	21

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	54	48	.529	—
Cleveland	52	49	.515	1½
Chicago	50	51	.495	3½
Minnesota	47	55	.461	7
Kansas City	43	59	.422	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	59	44	.573	—
Los Angeles	56	48	.538	3½
Oakland	45	57	.441	13½
Seattle	43	59	.422	15½

Last night's results

L.A. Angels 2 Cleveland 1
 Baltimore 12 Toronto 4
 Seattle at N.Y. Yankees
 Kansas City at Boston
 Minnesota at Texas
 Detroit at Chicago White Sox
 Tampa Bay at Oakland
Monday's results
 Cleveland 3 L.A. Angels 2
 N.Y. Yankees 10 Seattle 3
 Kansas City 3 Boston 1 (14 inn.)
 Texas 20 Minnesota 6
 Chicago White Sox 6 Detroit 3
 Oakland 7 Tampa Bay 5
Today's games
 L.A. Angels (E.Santana 5-8) at Cleveland (D.Huff 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
 Seattle (F.Hernandez 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Scherzer 11-5) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-8), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Simon 2-3) at Toronto (R.Romero 7-9), 7:07 p.m.
 Kansas City (Chen 5-3) at Boston (Lackey 8-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Duensing 7-8) at Texas (C.Lewis 10-7), 8:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Shields 9-8) at Oakland (Cahill 8-9), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
 L.A. Angels at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Boston, 1:35 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
 Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Minnesota at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
AdGonzalez, Bos	99	408	70	141	.346
MIYoung, Tex	101	403	50	134	.333
Bautista, Tor	91	321	76	106	.330
Kotchman, TB	86	289	25	94	.325
JhPeralta, Det	92	332	45	107	.322
VMartinez, Det	87	322	44	103	.320
Ellsbury, Bos	99	408	74	130	.319
MCabrera, Det	102	353	69	111	.314
Konerko, CHW	98	357	47	110	.308
YEScobar, Tor	93	357	55	109	.305
HOME RUNS — Bautista, Toronto, 31; Granderson, New York, 27; Teixeira, New York, 27; Konerko, Chicago, 23; Cruz, Texas, 22; MCabrera, Detroit, 21; Mar-Reynolds, Baltimore, 21.					
PITCHING — Sabathia, New York, 14-5; Weaver, Los Angeles, 13-4; Verlander, Detroit, 13-5; Tomlin, Cleveland, 11-4; Scherzer, Detroit, 11-5; 6 tied at 10.					
Not including last night's games					

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	65	37	.637	—
Atlanta	59	44	.573	6½
New York	51	51	.500	14
Washington	49	52	.485	15½
Florida	49	53	.480	16

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	53	47	.530	—
St. Louis	54	48	.529	—
Milwaukee	54	49	.524	½
Cincinnati	50	52	.490	4
Chicago	42	60	.412	12
Houston	33	69	.324	21

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	59	44	.573	—
Arizona	55	47	.539	3½
Colorado	48	55	.466	11
Los Angeles	46	56	.451	12½
San Diego	45	58	.437	14

Last night's results

Philadelphia 7 San Francisco 2
 Florida at Washington
 N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
 Houston at St. Louis
 Arizona at San Diego
 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
 San Diego 5 Philadelphia 4
 N.Y. Mets 4 Cincinnati 2
 Pittsburgh 3 Atlanta 1
 St. Louis 10 Houston 5
 L.A. Dodgers 8 Colorado 5
Tonight's games
 Florida (Vazquez 6-9) at Washington (L.Hernandez 5-9), 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cain 8-6) at Philadelphia (Hamels 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 5-9) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Maholm 6-10) at Atlanta (Jur-rjens 12-3), 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 7-5) at Milwaukee (Greinke 7-4), 8:10 p.m.
 Houston (Norris 5-7) at St. Louis (C.Carpenier 6-7), 8:15 p.m.
 Arizona (J.Kennedy 11-3) at San Diego (Lue-bke 3-4), 10:05 p.m.
 Colorado (A.Cook 1-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 6-12), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
 Florida at Washington, 12:35 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona at San Diego, 3:35 p.m.
 San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
JosReyes, NYM	87	385	74	135	.351
Braun, Mil	92	336	62	108	.321
Helton, Col	91	305	44	96	.315
Votto, Cin	101	373	61	117	.314
Morse, Wash	90	307	44	96	.313
Kemp, LAD	102	367	61	114	.311
Holliday, STL	77	274	50	85	.310
Pence, Hou	96	389	48	120	.308
DanMurphy, NYM	98	351	41	108	.308
McCann, Atl	90	328	42	100	.305

Not including last night's games

ORIOLES 12, BLUE JAYS 4

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Hardy ss	5	2	4		YEScor ss	4	1	2	0
Marks cf	5	1	0		ETHms rf	4	0	0	0
AdJons cf	5	0	2	0	Bautist 3b	1	0	0	0
Guerr dh	5	1	1	0	JMcDnl pr-3b	3	1	0	0
Wieters c	4	2	1	0	Lind lb	4	1	1	3
D.Lee 1b	5	2	4	5	Encnc dh	4	0	1	0
MrRynl 3b	4	0	1	0	Snider cf	4	0	1	0
Reimld lf	5	2	2		A.Hill 2b	4	1	2	1
Andino 2b	5	2	2	1	CPttrs lf	4	0	1	0
J.Molin c	4	0	1	0					
Totals	43	12	16	12	Totals	36	4	9	4
Baltimore	022	330	020	12	Baltimore	003	100	000	4

E—Arrieta (3), Morrow (2). LOB—Baltimore 8, Toronto 9. 2B—D.Lee (14), Mar.Reynolds (19), Reimold (4), Andino (9). HR—Hardy 2 (16), D.Lee (11), Reimold (6), Lind (19), A.Hill (5). SB—Ad.Jones (8), C.Patterson (13). SF—Hardy.
 IP H R ER BB SO
 Baltimore
 Arrieta W-10,7 5 5 4 4 2 4
 Berken 3 4 0 0 1 1
 Hendrickson 1 0 0 0 0 0
 Toronto
 Morrow L-7,5 31-3 9 7 6 1 5
 Camp 11-3 4 3 3 0 1
 Janssen 11-3 2 0 0 0 0 1
 Ledezma 2 1 2 2 2 2
 F.Francisco 1 0 0 0 0 0
 HBP—by Arrieta (Bautista). WP—Berken.
 PB—J.Molina.
 Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, Bruce Dreckman; Second, Alan Porter; Third, Rob Drake.
 T—3:07. A—17,477 (49,260).

SOCCER

MLS

Tonight's game
All times Eastern
ALL-STAR GAME
At Harrison, N.J.
 Manchester U. (Eng.) at MLS All-stars, 8:30 pm
Friday's game
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
 Rubin Kazan (Russia) 2 Dynamo Kyiv (Ukraine) 0
 FC Twente (Netherlands) 2 Vaslui (Romania) 0
 Champions Route
 APOEL (Cyprus) 0 Slovan Bratislava (Slovakia) 0
 Ekranas (Lithuania) 0 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0
 Wisla Krakow (Poland) 2 Litex Lovech (Bulgaria) 1
 Genk (Belgium) 2 Partizan (Serbia) 1
 Malmo (Sweden) 1 Rangers (Scotland) 0
 Zestafoni (Georgia) 1 Sturm Graz (Austria) 1

EUROPA LEAGUE

Yesterday's result
 Bnei Yehuda 1 Helsingborg 0

CONCACAF

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

San Francisco 1 Seattle Sounders FC 0
 Herediano vs Alpha United

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	4	3	1	0	133	95	6
Winnipeg	4	3	1	0	99	77	6
Hamilton	4	2	2	0	98	86	4
Toronto	4	1	3	0	80	116	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Edmonton	4	4	0	0	127	74	8
Calgary	4	2	2	0	95	99	4
Saskatchewan B.C.	4	1	3	0	83	138	2
	4	0	4	0	106	136	0

WEEK FOUR

Sunday's result

Saskatchewan 27 Montreal 24

WEEK FIVE

Tomorrow's game

All times Eastern

B.C. at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Friday's games

Montreal at Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's game

Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9:30 p.m.

WEEK SIX

Thursday, Aug. 4

Montreal at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 5

Edmonton at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.

Saskatchewan at B.C., 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 6

Hamilton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

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NATIONWIDE TOUR

UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP

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Schedule: Tomorrow-Sunday.

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ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL N Suspended San Francisco bench coach Ron Wotus one game for his inappropriate actions during Saturday's game against Milwaukee.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated DH Vladimir Guerrero from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Mark Worrell to Norfolk (IL). BOSTON RED SOX — Placed OF J.D. Drew on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 20. Recalled INF Drew Sutton from Pawtucket (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES — Activated 3B Eric Chavez from the 60-day DL. Optioned INF Brandon Laird to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated RHP J.J. Putz from the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Collin Cowgill from Reno (PCL). Placed INF Geoff Blum on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 25. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Assigned RHP Tyson Brummett from Lehigh Valley (IL) to Reading (EL). SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled RHP Pat Neshek and C Luis Martinez from Tucson (PCL). Optioned C Kyle Phillips to Tucson. Placed RHP Ernesto Frieri on the paternity leave list.

FOOTBALL

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Agreed to terms with S Kevin Payne on a one-year contract. CHICAGO BEARS — Agreed to terms with TE Kyle Adams, LB Tressor Baptiste, C JC Brignone, CB Antareis Bryan, DT Corbin Bryant, WR Travis Cobb, T Josh Davis, G Ricky Henry, CB Mike Holmes, RB Robert Hughes, CB Ryan Jones, C Alex Linnenkohl, DT Jordan Miller, LB Deron Minor, DT Sean Murnane, TE Andre Smith, S Winston Venable, S Anthony Walters, WR Jimmy Young, WR Kris Adams, DE Mario Addison, LB Tanner Antle, LB Dom DeCicco, P Spencer Lanning, WR Dane Sanzen-backer and QB Trevor Vittataoe. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Announced they are relinquishing the rights to RB Mike Hart, DB Mike Richardson, TE Gijon Robinson, TE Tom Santi and DB Jamie Silva. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Agreed to terms with WR Armon Binns, OT Cameron Bradfield, CB Cole Brodie, LB JoJo Dickson, WR Greg Ellingson, S Matt Estrada, TE Tommy Gallarda, LB Eric Gordon, G Brandon Harper, RB DuJuan Harris, CB T.J. Heath, WR Dontrelle Inman, CB Jalil Johnson, LB Michael Lockley, LB Scott Lutus, TE Kyle Miller, RB Richard Murphy, WR Jamar Newsome, DE Odrick Ray, QB Scott Riddle, CB Kevin Rutland, P Brian Saunders, DE Marc Schiechl and G Troy White. NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed LB Mark Herzlich. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Agreed to terms with DT Ladi Ajiiboye, DE Pierre Allen, WR Doug Baldwin, FB Dorson Boyce, DE Jarrett Crittenton, P John Gold, CB Jesse Hoffman, G Michael Huey, T Zach Hurd, S Jeron Johnson, QB Zach Lee, WR Ricardo Lockette, LB Deron Minor, LB Mike Morgan, G/C Brent Osborne, CB Ron Parker, QB Josh Portis, S Rickey Thensear and TE Ryan Travis. TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LB Jonathan Cornell, P Chad Cunningham, TE

Cameron Graham, G Thomas Gray, FB Patrick Hill, WR Joseph Hills, DE Julian Hartsell, G An-quez Jackson, WR James Kirkendoll, CB Lequan Lewis, WR Orentha Murdock, WR Michael Preston, WR Owen Spencer and LS/LB John Stokes, Vanderbilt.

HOCKEY

NHL

DETROIT RED WINGS — Announce the retire-ment of C Kris Draper. NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed C Craig Smith to a two-year contract. PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Signed F Jason Williams to a one-year contract. WINNIPEG JETS — Agreed to terms with C Ivan Telegin.

TENNIS

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Yesterday's results

Singles — First Round

Maria Kirilenko, Russia, def. Julia Goerges (6), Germany, 6-2, 6-3.
 Ayumi Morita, Japan, def. Ana Ivanovic (7), Serbia, 6-3, 7-5.
 Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 6-1, 6-2.
 Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1.
 Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-2.
 Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, def. Rika Fujiwara, Japan, 6-0,

Body changes

Visually, the 200 has been treated to a mostly new front end, including a cleaner-looking grille and hood.

The front fenders contain a contemporary set of projector-style headlamps and fog lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) accents. There are also new fenders and LED taillights in back.

These changes are quite typical of the updates that many vehicles go through at the mid-point of their production cycles.

Interior

All is well, or at least better, on the inside now that Chrysler's designers have tossed out many of the car's hard-plastic panels and trim pieces.

The centrepiece is an all-new soft-touch instrument panel along with a clearly classier steering wheel.

Additionally, the armrests have soft-touch coverings and the seats are now better bolstered and have improved coverings.

Engine

The 200 convertible shares the same engine/transmission choices as the sedan. A 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder that originated from last year's Sebring is standard on the base 200 LX.

The real star of the show is the new 283-horsepower 3.6-litre "Pentastar" V6 that replaces the previous 186-horsepower 2.7-litre V6 and the 235-horsepower 3.5-litre V6.



► Although it still looks very much like the previous Sebring, the styling updates tend to smooth things out. New LED lighting is in vogue, too. The optional V6 is rated to provide similar fuel economy to the four-cylinder.

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Some like it hot, and if you do, then a two-door car that turns into a convertible is likely a cool thing.

The good news is that you don't have to drop big coin for a rolling hair dryer. The even better news is that this year's crop of contenders is hot stuff. Just take a look at the 2011 Chrysler 200.

The car has risen Phoenix-like from the ashes of what was better known until recently as the Sebring.

And although the basic structure has been carried over, there have been a number of significant up-

grades to improve the mid-size model's overall performance and create a more elegant appearance, both inside and out.

The updating of the Sebring-cum-200 wasn't too long overdue since the current body style has only been around since the 2008 model year. But the adjustments and name change were deemed as vital to reinvigorating the Chrysler brand by the automaker's Fiat-based management that now runs the show.

The 200 convertible is 100 per cent about soaking up some relatively affordable summer fun for up to four passengers, heading to the beach or simply cruising in high style.



► The hard top is standard on the premium Limited model (optional on the mid-range Touring) and adds a measure of security and four-seasons usability.



► It might look similar on the outside, but the interior — where you spend your time — has been significantly upgraded.

200 convertible



What you should know about the 2011 Chrysler 200 convertible:

- **Types:** Two-door, mid-size convertible.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (173); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (283).
- **Transmission:** Four-speed automatic; six-speed automatic (opt. w/I4, std. w/V6).
- **Market position:** Of the relatively short list of affordable four-passenger convertibles, the Chrysler 200 is one of the more conservatively styled and is also one of the least expensive.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.3/6.9 (2.4).

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By comparison

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Mitsubishi Eclipse

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GM TAPS SILICON VALLEY TECH, AND CULTURE

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California's Silicon Valley looks pretty much the way I pictured it.

A more-lush version of a typical industrial mall. At-type "types" bicycling madly during their lunch hours, on a network of bicycle lanes, their racing helmets barely containing their immense heads, which were actually glowing with activity.

A group of us auto scribes were in the area, to visit GM's Advanced Technology Silicon Valley Office (ATSVO), as part of a press preview for the new Buick LaCrosse eAssist (a new, mild hybrid).

GM set up the shop about five years ago, to be the automaker's "eyes and

► Among other advancements, GM's Silicon Valley tech centre was responsible for developing the computer generation of personalized audio clues for consumer demographics and preferences in the Chevrolet Volt.

ears on the ground" in Silicon Valley.

It's a small place, with a small team — about 10 scientists and business managers with various backgrounds.

The man who heads up the team, Bryon Shaw, told us that the building reflects its mandate to forge relationships with its famous Silicon Valley neighbours, like Apple, Google, Cisco,

Hewlett-Packard, NeuroSky, Nokia, SoundHound, MAD Maps, Digitario, and StratosAudio.

Those firms are not only known for their success, but also for their collaborative processes.

To grease the wheels of collaboration many adopt an interior design concept known as "caves and commons."

"Common areas are

where you have teams of people working together, collaboratively, so everyone knows what is going on, and you don't have silos of information," said Shaw.

"This leads to faster development cycles, but sometimes you need to think... Common areas are noisy. Cave areas are where you can retract into and get your hard thinking done." (This reminds me of one of

my favourite bumper stickers: "Ever stop to think and forget to start again.")

Big Silicon Valley firms also have many, many conference rooms, which are typically booked the entire workday.

"But when you peak in, you see only one person in that room, on the phone to a globally distributed team," noted Shaw.

"So we said how do

make that work in a more space efficient way... That's why we have these 'phone booths', which are conference rooms for one person."

When ATSVO staff need to liaison with someone down the street, or across the globe, everything they need to get that done can be found in the blue booth — small desk, phone, internet connection, privacy, and good acoustics.

Not surprisingly, one focus of the team is incorporating connectivity and more electronic goodness into our vehicles.

Two of its more interesting advancements were developing Wi-Fi coverage to vehicle occupants while moving at highway speeds (not yet available in Canada), and personalized audio cues for the new Chevrolet Volt.

One concept the team is considering is a forward-looking camera on your vehicle, which can share "real time" images with your friends on Facebook.

Other than that, Shaw is not saying. Further access to his big brain requires special clearance we no got. His lips are sealed.

Designing an interior means form and function

DRIVING FORCE

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A huge amount of work goes into designing a vehicle, but it's far more than just the exterior appearance. The inside requires just as much attention, covering everything from how it looks to its integration with important safety features.

For Mercedes-Benz, the interior of the redesigned 2012 M-Class SUV started with sketches at the company's design headquarters in Sindelfingen, Germany.

The designers also use computer models and then full-size clay mockups to determine what the new vehicle will use.

"It takes a long time," says Marina Sacco, an inte-

rior trim designer specializing in colour and materials.

"We started a few years ago and have continued to improve it."

The design follows a basic theme that Mercedes-Benz reserves for its SUVs: the dash must have strong horizontal lines to give the feeling of spaciousness, while a dome over the centre stack controls hints at the engine's power. The materials, meanwhile, convey a "welcome home" feeling, with soft-touch surfaces and wood highlights.

It isn't enough to simply use home-style materials, though.

"The colours and materials have to work in all temperatures, whether very hot or very cold," Sacco says.

"The leather must function, the plastic must function, and it can't discolour. Everything has to stay as it



► Marina Sacco and the mock-up of the 2012 Mercedes M-Class.

is on the first day."

To that end, everything that goes into the interior is thoroughly tested. Each material is placed under simulated sunshine, and in cold and heat extremes to ensure that it doesn't peel, become brittle or fade.

It's also very important that the final design and the materials used look like they belong in a Mercedes, Sacco says.

"Most customers don't like screaming colours," she says.

"People like black,

brown, beige and grey. Sports cars are allowed a little bit of red, but on a car like this (M-Class), it's nice to have natural colours. This is about driving the car and going to the outdoors."

Authenticity of the materials is also important, and

500

Mercedes-Benz has some 500 designers worldwide: 400 of them are in Germany, the rest in the U.S. and Italy.

for the new model, the company has introduced an optional trim design that includes unfinished, open-grain wood.

"You can feel the structure of the grain on it," Sacco says, which is very important.

It seems that, although Mercedes-Benz uses only real wood in the M-Class, some customers complained that their passengers thought the high-gloss version was actually made of plastic.



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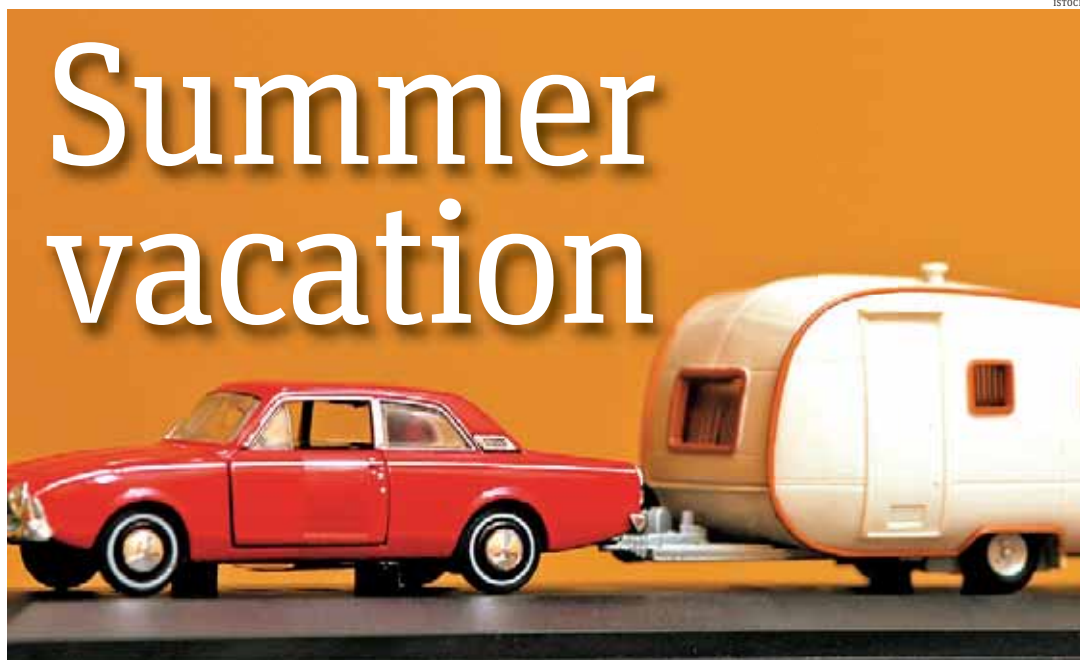
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- ▶ A little planning and preparation goes a long way when you're taking the family on that anticipated road trip
- ▶ Read on for some advice that could save you from major hassles



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The temperature needle is rising and you have another hour's drive until you reach your destination.

One more hour? It doesn't seem like you'll make it. You might be spending the night in a motel while your car catches its breath in a mom-and-pop garage.

It happens to everyone at one time or another, but holiday/vacation trauma is less likely with a little planning.

Yes, indeed, according to auto experts, planning and preparation actually works. Who would have thought? Sarcasm aside, of course we know this, so why don't many of us follow our gut instincts ... or all that wholesome professional advice?

Take some time and invest in an inspection, especially if you have a long road trip planned ... and before it's too late.

Most car manufacturers recommend regular service according to what's showing on the odometer, but we also have some tips that just aren't in the manual. Yes, there's a manual.

Boiling over and leaking

No matter how fresh, tasty and green engine coolant



▶ Pack your bags, and for goodness sake, check that engine oil.

looks, it becomes very acidic over time. That stuff will eat your engine from the inside out.

So, it needs to be tested and changed if necessary. Then there are the hoses. Check them for leaks, cracks and swelling, which are all signs of fatigue.

Loading up the gear and piling a lot of people into a vehicle adds stress to all the systems, including the automatic transmission. An overheating transmission can cause engine coolant boilovers so have a shop check/change the transmission fluid.

Oil changes

Many car companies recommend an oil-and-filter change every three months or 5,000-10,000 kilometres, while some want you to do it less often

than that even.

Consult your owners' manual to find out regular maintenance-schedule specifics, and here's why.

Worn-out oil actually works against your engine, acting as an abrasive instead of a lubricant, causing excessive wear and premature failure (usually on the open road a hundred miles from grandma's house).

Brakes

Perhaps no other part of your vehicle takes as much punishment as the brakes. Have a technician inspect the system for wear and proper operation. Since this should be regularly checked, your brakes are most likely already in near perfect condition (you do have them regularly inspected, right?).

Since your minivan/maxitruck/Mini Cooper will most likely be packed to the gills with family members (who you presumably love) for a summer road trip, it's no time to lose your brakes.

A lesson we've learned the hard way is never, ever scrimp on brake pads since there can be dramatic performance differences.

Windshield woes

A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and poses a safety hazard. Like, you haven't heard that a million times before. But just because you have new wiper blades doesn't mean that you have clear vision.

On older vehicles that see a lot of highway miles, the windshield becomes sandblasted and pitted, creating a fuzzy, hazy view. The problem is amplified at dawn and dusk and when there's glare off a wet road. If you can swing it — perhaps even your insurance policy covers it — get a fresh piece of glass installed.

Battery

They're fickle creatures that quit at will without a care in the world about what you happen to be doing at the time. The only accurate way to detect a weak battery is with professional equipment.

Top Gear

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1 The 1/32nd-scale digital slot-car kits sold by SCX allow multiple (up to six) drivers to compete on the same layout. Lap times can be followed on the chronometer, which also keeps track of laps raced and indicates when cars are running low on imaginary fuel, at which time they must stop to "fuel up" (the cars will actually stutter and slow down). scxworldwide.com.

2 Next to body damage, there's not much that looks worse than discoloured, foggy headlight lens covers. The condition also reduces the effectiveness of the headlights. One inexpensive way through the problem is 3M's Headlight Lens Restoration system, product number 39008. The basic kit includes polishing discs that work with a regular drill and the buffing compound necessary to bring them back to life. shop3M.com.

3 Fans of auto racing usually enjoy collecting and displaying all sorts of memorabilia, including promotional posters from historic events. Everett Singer, the proprietor of Vintage Auto Posters, offers collectors a wide assortment of mostly original promotional and advertising-related art, some of which dates back to the early 1900s. His collection also includes more recent posters from the 1980s and '90s. vintageautoposters.com.

4 On many cars, the armrest or the storage-compartment lid that's part of the vehicle's floor console isn't the most comfortable place to perch your elbow. Basically what you need is a booster for your armrest and that's exactly what Auto Chic can supply. The company's specially fitted product attaches to the existing console lid using Velcro straps, which allows it to be removed for cleaning or storage or transfer to another vehicle. WHEELBASE

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Pure beauty

► Audi “hatches” a sleek, sure-footed sedan that can carry the goods and look great doing it

DREAM CAR

Year after year, Audi impresses luxury-car buyers and confounds the competition. Both conditions are likely to flare up with the launch of the A7 hatchback.

Grafting a proper liftgate onto a four-door sedan body and making it appear balanced and beguiling is a tricky operation, judging from the competition in this segment. The Porsche Panamera comes close, but its rear end is reminiscent of the '48 Chrysler's.

Then there's the BMW 5-series GT that's too bulky and boxy-looking to create a cohesive visual package. Best that the automaker had stuck with a proper wagon instead.

However, the A7's stylists have pulled off a real

coup, just as they did in 2009 with the similar A7 Sportback concept car that did a couple of turns on the auto-show circuit.

The proportions and hunkered-down stance of this car are about perfect from any angle without any sense that the roofline and rear deck were attached as an afterthought. At the business end, the A7's grille lacks the egg-crate effect displayed by the rest of Audi's fleet and is in harmony with the rest of the hatchback's curvaceous sheet-metal.

The A7 actually owes its existence to the forthcoming Audi A6 sedan that's scheduled for early 2012. When compared to the outgoing A6, the all-new platform has been stretched between the front and rear wheels by nearly three inches while the width is up by more than five cen-



► This is not just a good-looking hatchback, but one of Audi's best-looking products.

Audi A7



What you should know about the 2012 Audi A7:

► **Type:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive mid-size hatchback.

timetres.

Audi does some of its best work crafting interiors and here the A7 really stands out. Both the speedometer and engine-rev gauge are easily viewed through the meaty steering

- **Engine (hp):** 3.0-litre DOHC V6, supercharged (310).
- **Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic.
- **Market position:** Despite their practicality, luxury four-door hatchbacks aren't particularly popular with North American buyers, possibly because they're viewed as being too utilitarian. The A7 just might change that perception for good.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.0/8.0 (est.).
- **Base price (including destination):** \$70,100.

wheel and the available wood and metal trim take tasteful to a whole new level.

The extra-wide and tall floor console easily accommodates the shifter along with the keyless push-but-

ton starter, electronic-parking-brake switch and pop-up display-screen/navigation controls.

In back there's room for two adults plus perhaps a smaller individual who doesn't mind being the meat in the sandwich.

An obvious A7 strength is its ability to tote a decent amount of cargo; with the seats in place it handily bests both the BMW 5-series GT and Porsche Panamera. But with the 60:40 rear seat folded flat, the Bimmer wins out over both competitors due to its taller roofline.

For now, the A7's sole powerplant is a 3.0-litre supercharged V6 that comes straight from the current A6. It produces 310 horsepower and 325 pound-feet of torque.

Audi's Euro-only 245-

5.4 Audi claims a zero-to-60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) run of 5.4 seconds, which is more than respectable for a chunky 1,900-kilogram car.

horsepower V6 turbo-diesel is not on the menu, but a 4.0-litre gasoline V8 will likely arrive as part of the S7 performance package that's expected later this year. The supercharged V6 connects to an eight-speed “Tiptronic” automatic transmission with manual shift override.

The successful merging of sporty, practical and posh traits should create significant buzz for the A7, making it the envy of its peers while providing enthusiasts with some practical eye candy of their own.

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These road conditions can be tough on a vehicle's steering and suspension systems and can throw out the alignment, while loose stones have the potential to damage the vehicle's exterior or windshield.

The symptoms of steering and suspension or wheel alignment problems are uneven tire wear, pulling to one side, noise and vibration while cornering or loss of control.

The main parts of the systems are shocks and/or

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struts, the steering knuckle, ball joints, the steering rack/box, bearings, seals or hub units, and tie rod ends.

Motorists should have

their vehicles checked out immediately if any of these symptoms exist, as steering and suspension systems are key safety-related components and largely determine the car's ride and handling.

Regardless of road conditions, these systems should be checked annually and a wheel alignment should be performed at the same time.

Motorists also should do frequent visual checks of their vehicle's exterior and windshield to identify any chips, dings or cracks. These are small problems that can become costly repairs and safety hazards if they aren't taken care of immediately.

"Even the most careful



► In addition to causing traffic jams, construction zones can also be dangerous for your car.

driver, who is travelling slowly and carefully through a work zone, can hit an unexpected bump or other road hazards,"

said Patty Kettles, manager, marketing and communications, Be Car Care Aware Canada.

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First-time buyers, who represent about two out of five boat shoppers according to a 2010 autotrader.ca survey, have all the more reason to research their purchase.

The following tips will help interested buyers learn the ropes of purchasing a boat.

Go online before you go onboard

Even if you feel you know boats or perhaps grew up with them, take some time to learn the latest about new styles, brands and technology.

Make a wish-list
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▶ Sea-Doo, Bayliner, Sea Ray and Lund are often recognized as four of the top boat brands.

four brands of boats when looking online. Sea-Doo, Bayliner, Sea Ray and Lund are top online searches on sites like autotrader.ca, so identify what you like and remember to keep an open mind.

Safety First

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Register for pleasure

Every pleasure craft, whether new or used, with 10 horsepower or more must have a registered li-

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Ford's electric van paves the way for battery cars

▶ Transit Connect Electric is a step in the opposite direction of gasoline



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It doesn't look any different than a regular van, and behind the wheel, it doesn't really feel all that different. But Ford's Transit Connect Electric could be one of the vehicles that changes the way we drive.

The company presented this compact work van at a recent event in Toronto. The event's focus — no pun intended — was the electric Ford Focus hatchback that will go on sale next year. But the Transit Connect, and similar battery-powered trucks already in use in many areas around the world, could instead be the start of



▶ The Transit Connect uses a high-voltage lithium ion battery pack.

weaning us off gasoline.

For one thing, large companies are more likely to be able to afford these pricier battery versions. The electric Transit Connect is around \$63,000, compared to the gasoline

version's starting price of \$26,799. That's primarily because of the battery, which is coming down in price but is still very expensive.

Automakers have been able to make viable electric

cars since the late 1800s, but battery technology and the volume production that brings down the price haven't kept pace.

The Transit Connect uses a high-voltage lithium ion battery pack, which is lighter and more powerful than lead acid or nickel metal hydride batteries.

Battery vehicles are also ideal for companies that send trucks out on a set route and return them to a central depot where they can be recharged overnight.

Canada Post already has a few of these electric vans in use. Recharging the battery takes about 12 hours on regular household current or about six-to-eight



▶ Canada Post already has a few of these bad boys in use. Talk about an ecological footprint.

hours on a 240-volt charger.

I drove the van on a closed course in Toronto's Exhibition Place. Battery vehicles are certainly not golf carts: the Transit Connect can reach 120 km/h, and since electric motors make their full power right from a standstill — unlike a gasoline engine, which has to rev up first — the truck has more than enough pep to handle daily

traffic.

Its system captures energy when you're braking, feeding it back into the battery to increase the range, which is approximately 95 to 130 km on a full charge. Best of all, there is no tailpipe, and so no emissions when sitting in traffic.

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A rare and well-loved retro street rod

► Model: 1997 to 2002 Plymouth Prowler ► Vehicle Type: Roadster

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The Plymouth brand bit the dust some years ago — but it's departure from existence did leave one of the world's most interesting and rare sports cars in its wake.

The Plymouth Prowler was a two-seat, uber-retro street rod convertible sold in 1997, and 1999 through 2002. Unlike other Plymouth models, the Prowler was its own car — not a rebadged variant of some other Chrysler, Dodge or Eagle product.

Prowler launched with a manually-operated cloth-top roof, 214-horsepower V6 engine and rear-wheel drive. After a break from

the market for 1998, Chrysler updated the 1999 model with a new 253-horsepower V6 engine. All models got a four-speed "AutoStick" automatic transmission.

Feature content included an Infinity CD changer audio system, air conditioning, cruise control, power accessories and leather seats.

An auto-dimming rearview mirror and leather-trimmed accents were also on board.

What Owners Like

- Exclusivity is the largest draw to the Prowler, according to most owners.
- Production was extremely limited, and few cars turn heads this well.
- Fun to drive handling, dynamics, relative performance and a relatively comfortable ride are also highly rated.

What they dislike

- Owner complaints include limited visibility, tight entry and exit with the roof up, road noise and limited practicality.
- Prowler also had very limited trunk space and limited width to accommodate wide-legged occupants.



1999 Plymouth Prowler



Check out Justin's video car reviews online at youtube.com/mr2pritch.

Common issues

- Given the Prowler's limited sales volume and relatively tiny online owner's community, reliability-related information is sparse. Some issues have surfaced with the factory stereo system, including hissing, static or blown speakers.
- Premature suspension wear may also be a concern — so be sure to listen for any popping or clunking sounds on a test-drive that could indicate a worn-out component.
- Check power windows for proper operation in both directions, be sure the air conditioner works properly, and note any damaged or missing interior trim panels.
- Prowler's driveline appears to be fairly solid and problem free, though the 3.5-

Verdict

Though information is limited, a used Plymouth Prowler appears to be a fairly reliable, albeit extremely rare, used sports car buy.

Shoppers set on owning a Prowler and able to locate a unit for sale are advised to make an appointment with a nearby Chrysler dealership for an inspection.

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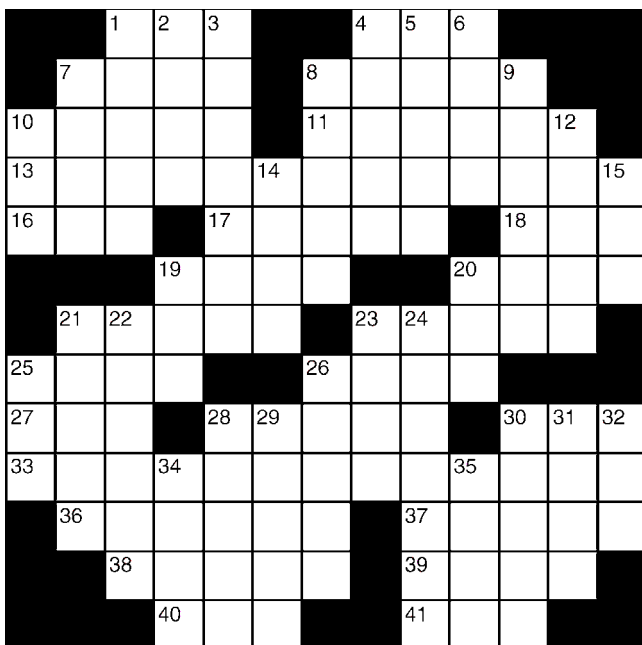
Crossword

Across

1 "Weird Al" Yankovic song composed solely of palindromes
4 Airport org.
7 Comical Carvey
8 Finnish bath
10 Nip
11 Root vegetable
13 Glimpse
16 Franken and Gore
17 Necessities
18 Victory
19 Long cut
20 Carry on
21 Explosion
23 Baby kangaroos
25 Fedora feature
26 Praise to the skies
27 Really long time
28 Adjust
30 Tikkanen of hockey
33 Horripilated
36 "Heavens!"
37 Crook's pseudo-nym
38 Near-quiet
39 Welshman or Scot
40 Slight amount
41 Crucial

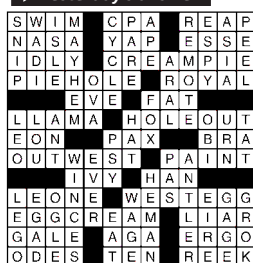
Down

1 Model Tira
2 Formerly
3 Nassau's island group
4 Challenge mockingly
5 Irrational numbers
6 Heche or Hathaway
7 Rotary phone part
8 Hide
9 Pilot's route

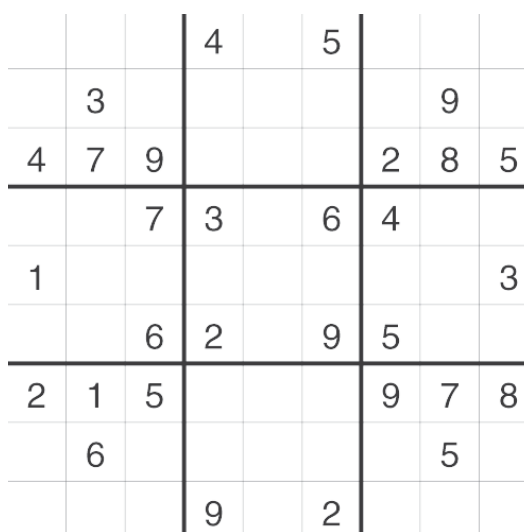


10 Sch. group
12 Aspirin targets
14 Sudden rush of wind
15 Potent stick
19 Group of whales
20 Scarlet
21 Meditate gloomily
22 Window frame part
23 Scoff
24 Rural area of Australia
25 Plead
26 Surgery tool
28 Heart line?
29 Having a cupola
30 Poet Dickinson
31 Lovers' quarrel
32 Fool
34 Walking pace
35 Beekeeper played by Peter Fonda

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►

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2	5	9	7	1	8	6	3	4
7	4	1	3	5	6	2	9	8
4	8	3	1	7	2	5	6	9
1	9	7	6	4	5	8	2	3
6	2	5	8	9	3	4	1	7
5	7	4	2	3	1	9	8	6
9	3	6	5	8	4	1	7	2
8	1	2	9	6	7	3	4	5

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YOUR BLUE GIRL

Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 People won't like your latest big idea – not because the idea is no good but because they are jealous.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 You could easily fall out with a friend over something that is quite trivial.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Tie up any and all loose ends and get ready for the good things that will soon be coming your way.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 Do what feels right and if it upsets others, well that's their problem. Be a rebel, and be proud of it.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 You are not the sort to hold back if something needs to be said. And sometimes, you must expect a backlash.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Believe in yourself and what you are. Your future success depends on it.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you don't like the way certain things are being done, you must speak up. You can't shirk responsibility.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Use your powers of persuasion (no, not twisting arms!) to get other people to do the hard stuff for you today.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

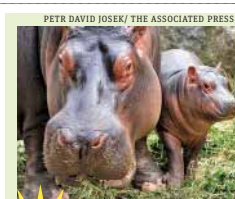
♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Make it your aim today to paint a more accurate picture of yourself in the eyes of the world.

♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The cosmic picture urges you to be truthful. Say what comes to mind.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Get out and about and meet as many new people as you possibly can. Smile at strangers and chat.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You aren't afraid to change your opinions in the light of new info. Keep that in mind. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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